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INTRODUCTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
SWEARING IN OF JUDGE WILLIAM H. WEBSTER AS
DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
26 MAY 1987

MR. PRESIDENT -- MR. VICE PRESIDENT -- MR. JUSTICE POWELL
-- DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND GUESTS:

IT IS A GREAT HONOR FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY TO WELCOME YOU TO OUR HEADQUARTERS FOR THIS MOMENTOUS OCCASION, THE SWEARING IN OF THE 14TH DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE. YOUR PRESENCE HERE TODAY, MR. PRESIDENT, ALONG WITH DISTINGUISHED REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE OTHER TWO BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT, SYMBOLIZES THE UNIVERSAL RECOGNITION OF THE NATION'S NEED FOR INTELLIGENCE -- FOR INFORMATION AND UNDERSTANDING IN A PERILOUS AND UNCERTAIN WORLD. FURTHER, THE COMING TOGETHER OF THE EXECUTIVE, JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES IS SYMBOLIC OF OUR SHARED CONVICTION THAT THE UNITED STATES CAN HAVE AN EFFECTIVE SECRET INTELLIGENCE SERVICE THAT CONDUCTS ITS ACTIVITIES UNDER THE LAW AND WITH THE INFORMED CONSENT OF THE CONGRESS. IT IS AN ARRANGEMENT UNIQUE IN THE WORLD AND ENTIRELY APPROPRIATE TO OUR DEMOCRACY.

MR. PRESIDENT, YOU HAVE NOW GIVEN US TWO REMARKABLE DIRECTORS -- BILL CASEY, WHOSE PASSING WE DEEPLY REGRET, AND BILL WEBSTER. JUDGE WEBSTER IS A MAN OF EXTRAORDINARY INTEGRITY, INSIGHT, JUDGMENT, AND ABILITY -- AND WE HOPE HIS TENURE HERE WILL BE LONG. YOUR PRESENCE HERE TODAY, MR. PRESIDENT, AND JUDGE WEBSTER'S SELFLESS AND PATRIOTIC WILLINGNESS TO SERVE HIS COUNTRY STILL FURTHER INSPIRE ALL OF US IN AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.